

November 21, 2019

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on November 21, 2019, 10:02 a.m. Present were Commissioners Kroshus, Fedorchak and Christmann.

Minutes

Mr. Kroshus: I move the minutes of November 7, 2019, be approved.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-13
Otter Tail Power Company
Fuel Cost Adjustment 2019
Tariff Monthly Adjustments

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission approve a change in the timing of Otter Tail Power Company's annual independent audit of its annual automatic adjustment to a calendar year, and to utilize an eighteen-month audit report for the period of July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019 to facilitate the transition to calendar year reporting in Otter Tail Power Company, Fuel Cost Adjustment 2019, Tariff Monthly Adjustments, Case No. PU-19-13.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-285
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery
Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue an application fee refund in the amount of \$9,730.67 in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Transmission Facility Cost Recovery, Rates, Case No. PU-19-285.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-292
Otter Tail Power Company
Environmental Cost Recovery Charge
(ECRC)
Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue an application fee refund in the amount of \$9,660.83 in Otter Tail Power Company, Environmental Cost Recovery Charge (ECRC), Rates, Case No. PU-19-292.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-355
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Renewable Resource Cost Recovery
Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission suspend the rates filing and assess a filing fee of \$10,000 in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Renewable Resource Cost Recovery, Rates, Case No. PU-19-355.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-361
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Cogeneration/Small Power Producer
Tariff and Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission suspend the tariff and rates filing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Cogeneration/Small Power Producer, Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU-19-361.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-362
Northern States Power Company
Franchise Fee - West Fargo
Tariff and Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission suspend the tariff and rates filing and assess a filing fee of \$10,000 in Northern States Power Company, Franchise Fee – West Fargo, Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU-19-362.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-306
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Advance Prudence - Heskett 4
Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission execute a contract with PA Consulting Group, Inc. for consulting services in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Advance Prudence – Heskett 4, Application, Case No. PU-19-306, in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., 88 MW Turbine – Heskett 4, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-19-307, and in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Deferred Accounting – Lewis&Clark 1 Heskett 1 & 2, Application, Case No. PU-19-317.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-317
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Deferred Accounting - Lewis&Clark 1
Heskett 1 & 2
Application

Case No. PU-11-631
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
88 MW Simple Cycle Combustion
Turbine
Siting Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission find that the tree and shrub mitigation may cease and issue a siting application fee final refund in the amount of \$10,601.62 in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., 88 MW Simple Cycle Combustion Turbine, Siting Application, Case No. PU-11-631.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-13-203
Boomerang Wireless, LLC
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Intent to Amend Order and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Boomerang Wireless, LLC, Designated Eligible Carrier, Application, Case No. PU-13-203.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-420
Public Service Commission
Gladden Construction
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Case No. PU-18-421
Public Service Commission
Gladden Construction
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Case No. PU-18-422
Public Service Commission
Master Construction Co., Inc.
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Case No. PU-18-423
Public Service Commission
Master Construction Co., Inc.
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Case No. PU-18-425
Public Service Commission
Master Construction Co., Inc.
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Case No. PU-18-426
Public Service Commission
Master Construction Co., Inc.
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Case No. PU-18-427
Public Service Commission
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Damage Prevention Enforcement

Case No. PU-18-428
Public Service Commission
Master Construction Co., Inc.
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Case No. PU-18-429
Public Service Commission
Master Construction Co., Inc.
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Consent Agreement in Public Service Commission, Gladden Construction, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-18-420, and in Public Service Commission, Gladden Construction, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-18-421.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Consent Agreement in Public Service Commission, Master Construction Co., Inc., Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-18-422; in Public Service Commission, Master Construction Co., Inc., Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-19-423; in Public Service Commission, Master Construction Co., Inc., Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-18-425; in Public Service Commission, Master Construction Co., Inc., Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-18-426; in Public Service Commission, Master Construction Co., Inc., Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-18-427; in Public Service Commission, Master Construction Co., Inc., Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-18-428; and in Public Service Commission, Master Construction Co., Inc., Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-18-429.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-329
Northern States Power Company
Renewable Resource Cost Recovery
(2020)
Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Northern States Power Company, Renewable Resource Cost Recovery (2020), Rates, Case No. PU-19-329.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-328
Northern States Power Company
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery
(2020)
Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Northern States Power Company, Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2020), Rates, Case No. PU-19-328.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-345
Ashtabula Wind, LLC / Ashtabula Wind
I, LLC
Transfer of Corridor Certificate and
Route Permit
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission assess a filing fee of \$10,000 and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Ashtabula Wind, LLC / Ashtabula Wind I, LLC, Transfer of Corridor Certificate and Route Permit, Case No. PU-19-345.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-127
North American Local, LLC
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation in, North American Local, LLC, Designated Eligible Carrier, Application, Case No. PU-19-127.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:23 A.M.



Executive Secretary



BRIAN KROSHUS, CHAIRMAN